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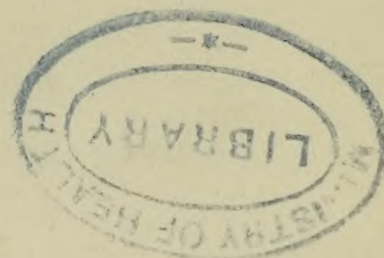


ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

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August, 1949.

To:-

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Basingstoke.

I beg to present my Report for the year 1948.

Yours faithfully,

M. AVENT

Medical Officer of Health.

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1.

STATISTICS

(a) POPULATION - Registrar General's Estimate.....16,260
(Mid 1948)

(b) BIRTHS:-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Live..	{ Legitimate....284	139	145	}..Birth Rate.....18.4
	{ Illegitimate...16	7	9	
Still.....	6	4	2	Rate per 1,000 Births....20

(c) DEATHS:-

	161	85	76	}..Death Rate.....9.9 England & Wales...10.8

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year, per 1,000 Live Births..30
England & Wales....31

Deaths from:-

Measles.....	0
Whooping Cough.....	0
Cancer.....	25
Heart & Arterial Diseases....	52
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	6
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis....	2
Suicide and Violence.....	6

2.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

Notifications Received:-

Diphtheria.....	1
Scarlet Fever.....	18
Whooping Cough.....	47
Measles.....	38
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	4
Pneumonia.....	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	10
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	4

The Town was again fortunate in having only a small amount of Infectious Disease.

3.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Up to the time the Borough Isolation Hospital was taken over by the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board on 5.7.48, the following cases were admitted :-

	<u>S.F.</u>	<u>Diph.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Borough.....	-	1	1
Kingsclere & Whitchurch R.D....	1	-	1
			}...2

Since 5.7.48 its use as an Infectious Diseases Hospital has been discontinued, and Borough cases needing hospital treatment were admitted to other Hospitals as follows :-

- 2 Scarlet Fever.....Aldershot Isolation Hospital
- 1 Whooping Cough....." " "
- (With Pneumonia)
- 1 Puerperal Pyrexia....Farnham County Hospital

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Notifications Received:-

Diphtheria.....1
Scarlet Fever.....18
Whooping Cough.....15
Measles.....38
Paratyphoid Typhoid.....3
Gonorrhoea.....1
Pneumonia.....1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....10
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....1

The Town was again fortunate to have only a small amount of Infectious Diseases.

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Total Diph. S.F.

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Since 2.7.15 the use of an Infectious Diseases Hospital has been discontinued, and persons cases requiring hospital treatment were admitted to other hospitals as follows:-

2 Scarlet Fever.....Albany Hospital
1 Whooping Cough.....
1 (With Pneumonia)
1 Paratyphoid Typhoid.....Frimley County Hospital

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Number of Children who completed treatment.....312

Under 5 years.....298

5 years and under 15 years...14

In addition, 93 children, previously immunised, were given "re-inforcing" injections.

WATER SUPPLY

The Water Supply of the Town has been analysed regularly and frequently and the Analyst's Reports shew that chemically and bacteriologically it is a very satisfactory supply.

Only a very small number of houses have a private independent supply and are not connected to the main.

HOUSING

During the year 1948 the following number of new dwelling-houses were completed :-

Council Owned { Traditional Type...45
 { "Orlit".....45

Privately Owned.....11

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOROUGH SANITARY INSPECTOR

(A) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1...MILK

Seventy-two (72) Samples of Milk were taken during the year, and the results of the analyses were as follows :-

"Pasteurised" Milk:-

Samples taken.....	37
Satisfactory.....	29
Unsatisfactory.....	2
Not efficiently Pasteurised...	6

"Tuberculin Tested" Milk:-

Samples taken.....	5
Satisfactory.....	3
Unsatisfactory.....	2

Ordinary Raw Milk:-

Samples taken.....	30
Satisfactory.....	21
Unsatisfactory.....	3
Shewing evidence of B.Coli....	6

In addition, samples of Detergent, and also Milk Bottles, were submitted for analysis; these tests were carried out over a prolonged period until results proved to be satisfactory.

2...MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

1,021 visits have been made to the Slaughterhouse and other Food Premises during the year, and 5,692 carcasses have been inspected. In all, 7 tons. 6 cwts. 2 qtrs. 20 lbs. of food have been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This weight does not include canned and packeted foods not usually sold by weight.

Condemned:-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number Killed.....	52	78	1,737	3,670	155	5,692
Number Inspected.....	52	78	1,737	3,670	155	5,692
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis:-</u>						
Whole Carcasses condemned...	1	10	4	8	6	29
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.....	12	61	4	79	15	171
Percentage Diseased....	25.0	91.0	0.46	2.37	13.54	3.51
<u>Tuberculosis:-</u>						
Whole Carcasses condemned...	5	6	1	-	2	14
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.....	12	21	-	-	-	33
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis.....	32.69	34.61	0.05	-	1.29	0.82

3...NOTICES

280 Notices (Written and Verbal, & including 4 Statutory Notices) were served during the year.

4...COMPLAINTS

353 Complaints have been received and dealt with.

5...RODENT CONTROL

The duties in connection with Rodent Control are carried out by the Additional Sanitary Inspector (part-time) and 1 Rodent Operative, under the supervision of the Senior Sanitary Inspector. During the year 150 complaints were received and 2,714 visits made in connection with baiting and poisoning at Rat and Mouse infested premises; 2,646 poisoned baits were laid, with 504 complete takes, and 1,104 partial takes; therefore it can be assumed that considerable numbers of Rats and Mice were destroyed. Whilst it is not possible to effect the complete eradication of Rats and Mice, it is by continued visits to infested premises, &c. with subsequent baiting and poisoning, that their increase can be checked. Treatment of business and commercial premises is chargeable, the inclusive charge locally being at the rate of 5/- per hour, with a minimum of 5/-, whilst private dwellings are treated free of cost.

6...FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Part I

(i) Inspections, &c.

Number on Register.....	113
Inspections.....	110
Notices.....	13

(ii) Defects found:-

Want of cleanliness.....	7
<u>Sanitary Conveniences:-</u>	
(a) Insufficient.....	2
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	5
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	1
Others.....	6

Part VIII

Outwork:-

Wearing apparel.....	24
(Making, etc.)	

(B) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

7...TABLE I

(a) CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF PREMISES INSPECTED

Inspections under the Housing & Public Health Acts....	766
Works in Progress.....	101
Re-inspections.....	519
Visits to Slaughterhouse.....	387
Food Premises.....	634
Stable Premises.....	2
In connection with Infectious Diseases.....	28
Public Conveniences.....	59
Shops Acts.....	21
Rats and Mice Destruction Act.....	2,714
Overcrowding.....	79
Water-courses.....	34
Petroleum Act.....	12
Factories Act.....	110
Cowsheds and Dairies.....	125
Marine Stores.....	3
Knackers Yards.....	4
Common Lodging House.....	7
Tents, Vans and Sheds.....	45
Ice Cream Premises.....	127
Schools.....	15
Places of Amusement.....	2
Miscellaneous Visits.....	188
Interviews.....	358
Total.....	6,342
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(b)

DRAINAGE

Coloured Water Tests.....	1
Water Tests Applied.....	6
Smoke Tests Applied.....	3
Systems Exposed.....	7

(c)

INFECTED ROOMS AND ARTICLES

Rooms Disinfected.....	21
Books Disinfected.....	20
Bedding Disinfected.....	18 Lots
Bedding Destroyed.....	2 Lots

(d)

INFESTATION

Rooms Disinfested.....	37
Bedding, &c. Disinfested....	10 Lots

In addition, 4 premises were sprayed on account of Flies.

8...TABLE II

DEFECTIVE CONDITIONS RECORDED

<u>Water Supply</u>	Defective fittings, &c.....	16
<u>Water Closets</u>	Defective pans.....	38
	Defective flush pipes.....	9
	Defective flushing cisterns.....	51
	Defective walls, floors, roofs, etc.....	25
<u>Drains</u>	Defective drainage systems.....	12
	Choked drains.....	24
	Defective gullies.....	5
	Overflowing cesspools.....	3
	Not provided with means of access.....	3
<u>Manholes</u>	Defective brickwork, frames & covers.....	5
<u>Soil Pipes & Ventilation Shafts</u>	Defective or new provided.....	4
	Defective F.A.I's.....	2
<u>Sinks, Baths, etc. and Waste Pipes</u>	Defective or insanitary sinks.....	12
	Defective waste pipes.....	6
	Untrapped waste pipes.....	12
<u>Dustbins</u>	Defective.....	76
<u>Yard Paving</u>	Defective.....	4
<u>Dampness</u>	Defective roofs.....	45
	Defective gutters & rain-water pipes.....	47
	Absence of D.P.C.....	6
	Defective window and door reveals.....	15
	Defective external walls.....	17

General

Defective walls and ceilings.....	179
Dirty rooms (walls and ceilings).....	85
Verminous rooms.....	37
Defective windows and doors.....	66
Fixed windows and sashes.....	1
Defective floors.....	37
Defective stoves.....	35
Defective coppers.....	9
Defective and smoky chimneys.....	10
Defective coal stores.....	1
Defective food stores.....	2
Accumulations.....	10

Other Matters

Shop premises requiring cleansing.....	2
Animals improperly kept.....	3
Choked water-courses.....	1
Defective or foul urinals.....	3
Miscellaneous.....	41

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Wm. J. TILEY

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

